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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated November 20, 2002 (application Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 of page 14 to read as follows:

e' --An embodiment of the redemption process in accordance with the present invention is shown in FIG. 2. A first party (e.g., a voter) unblinds a validated blinded vote certificate, step 201. The blinded validated vote certificate was validated either by a registrar as the result of a successful registration (see FIG. 1, step 103), or by a second party (e.g., a voting center) as the result of a successful earlier redemption. A transaction request message is received at the voting center from a registered first party (e.g., a registered voter), step 202. The transaction request message atomically binds an unblinded vote certificate with a blinded unvalidated vote certificate to be validated. In